

# REPORTS FROM THE FPG-UNC SMART START EVALUATION TEAM

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## **Summary Reports**

### ***Smart Start Evaluation Plan (September 1994)***

This report describes our comprehensive evaluation plan at the onset of the evaluation, designed to capture the breadth of programs implemented across the Smart Start partnerships and the extent of possible changes that might result from Smart Start efforts.

### ***North Carolina's Smart Start Initiative: 1994-95 Annual Evaluation Report (June 1995)***

This report summarizes the evaluation findings to date from both quantitative and qualitative data sources.

### ***North Carolina's Smart Start Initiative: 1996-97 Annual Evaluation Report (April 1997)***

This report summarizes evaluation findings related to each of the four major Smart Start goals.

### ***North Carolina's Smart Start Initiative: 1998 Annual Evaluation Report (January 1999)***

This report summarizes evaluation findings related to each of the four major Smart Start goals.

## **Child Care Quality**

### ***Center-based Child Care in the Pioneer Smart Start Partnerships of North Carolina (May 1996)***

This brief report summarizes the key findings from the 1994-95 data on child care quality.

### ***The Effects of Smart Start on the Quality of Child Care (April 1997)***

This report presents the results of a 2-year study of the quality of child care in the 12 pioneer partnerships.

### ***Child Care in the Pioneer Partnerships 1994 and 1996 (December 1997)***

This report presents more detailed information about child care centers that were included in *The Effects of Smart Start on the Quality of Child Care* (April 1997).

### ***Effect of a Smart Start Playground Improvement Grant on Child Care Playground Hazards (August 1998)***

This report presents results from a comparison of the playground safety of child care playgrounds in a county that used Smart Start funds for playground improvement compared to a non-Smart Start county.

## **Kindergartners' Skills**

### ***Kindergartners' Skills in Smart Start Counties in 1995: A Baseline From Which to Measure Change (July 1997)***

This report presents baseline findings of kindergartners' skills in the 43 Smart Start counties.

### ***The Effects of Smart Start Child Care on Kindergarten Entry Skills (June 1998)***

This report presents results from kindergartners who attended Smart-Start-funded child care centers compared to a random group of kindergartners who attended a broad range of child care or no child care.

## **Collaboration**

### ***Bringing the Community into the Process: Issues and Promising Practices for Involving Parents and Business in Local Smart Start Partnerships (April 1997)***

This report describes findings from interviews and case studies about the involvement of parents and business leaders in the Smart Start decision-making process.

### ***Smart Start and Local Inter-Organizational Collaboration (August 1998)***

This report presents data about the effectiveness of the Smart Start initiative on improving collaborative relationships. Qualitative and quantitative data were obtained from 269 respondents in 10 local Partnerships.